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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 11, 2003, please amend
the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: Begin on page 2 of this paper.
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which
begins on page 8 of this paper
Amendments to the Drawings: NONE.
Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, with the following rewritten paragraph (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

BE IT KNOWN THAT I, **TERRI J. FORT**, a citizen of UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have invented a new and useful **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DARKENING BLACK CLOTHING** of which the following is a specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DARKENING BLACK CLOTHING

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

The present invention relates to methods of dying cloth and more particularly pertains to a new method and apparatus for darkening black clothing for darkening faded black clothing and for preventing the fading of black clothing.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

While these devices fulfill their respective, particular objectives and requirements, the aforementioned patents do not disclose a new method ~~and apparatus~~ for darkening black clothing. The inventive device includes providing a quantity of black dye, a quantity of sodium chloride salt, and a quantity of water. The black dye, the salt and the water are mixed together to define a mixture. The mixture in a container for later use in darkening clothing.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

In these respects, the method ~~and apparatus~~ for darkening black clothing according to the present invention substantially departs from the conventional concepts and designs of the prior art, and in so doing provides an apparatus primarily developed for the purpose of darkening faded black clothing and for preventing the fading of black clothing.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

In view of the foregoing disadvantages inherent in the known types of methods of dying cloth now present in the prior art, the present invention provides a new method ~~and apparatus~~ for darkening black clothing

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construction wherein the same can be utilized for darkening faded black clothing and for preventing the fading of black clothing.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 29, with the following rewritten paragraph (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

The general purpose of the present invention, which will be described subsequently in greater detail, is to provide a new method ~~and apparatus~~ for darkening black clothing ~~apparatus and method~~ which has many of the advantages of the methods of dying cloth mentioned heretofore and many novel features that result in a new method ~~and apparatus~~ for darkening black clothing which is not anticipated, rendered obvious, suggested, or even implied by any of the prior art methods of dying cloth, either alone or in any combination thereof.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

It is therefore an object of the present invention to provide a new method ~~and apparatus~~ for darkening black clothing ~~apparatus and method~~ which has many of the advantages of the methods of dying cloth mentioned heretofore and many novel features that result in a new method ~~and apparatus~~ for darkening black clothing which is not anticipated, rendered obvious, suggested, or even implied by any of the prior art methods of dying cloth, either alone or in any combination thereof.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 26, with the following rewritten paragraph (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

~~and apparatus~~ It is another object of the present invention to provide a new method and apparatus for darkening black clothing which may be easily and efficiently manufactured and marketed.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 30, with the following rewritten paragraph (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

~~and apparatus~~ It is a further object of the present invention to provide a new method and apparatus for darkening black clothing which is of a durable and reliable construction.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

An even further object of the present invention is to provide a new method ~~and apparatus~~ for darkening black clothing which is susceptible of a low cost of manufacture with regard to both materials and labor, and which accordingly is then susceptible of low prices of sale to the consuming public, thereby making such method ~~and apparatus~~ for darkening black clothing economically available to the buying public.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

Still yet another object of the present invention is to provide a new method ~~and apparatus~~ for darkening black clothing which provides in the ~~apparatuses and~~ methods of the prior art some of the advantages thereof, while simultaneously overcoming some of the disadvantages normally associated therewith.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

Still another object of the present invention is to provide a new method ~~and apparatus~~ for darkening black clothing for darkening faded black clothing and for preventing the fading of black clothing.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

Yet another object of the present invention is to provide a new method ~~and apparatus~~ for darkening black clothing which includes a quantity of black dye, a quantity of sodium chloride salt, and a quantity of water. The black dye, the salt and the water are mixed together to define a mixture. The mixture in a container for later use in darkening clothing.